

*General Information regarding  
the Office of Life Safety for **NEW DWELLINGS.***

**Inspections are required by the Office of Life Safety for you  
to receive your *Certificate of Occupancy.***

The Life Safety Final will be conducted by a Frederick County Life Safety Inspector and is a separate inspection from your Building Final. The following items will be inspected/tested at the time of the final inspection.

**Address posted properly –**

- Easily readable from the street, day or night. Numbers must contrast with background (gold/silver on white is **not** considered contrasting)
- Address numbers shall be Arabic numerals or alphabet letters. Numbers shall not be spelled out.
- Minimal size:
  - One- and Two-Family dwellings including Townhouses: 4 inches high (on front of building)
  - Multi-family structures: 6 inches high (on front of structure) and 2 ½ inches high individual unit numbers (display on, above or to the side of unit doorway)
- If the dwelling is more than 75 feet from the street or not visible from the street, then remote address signs shall be posted within 10 feet of the street and within 5 feet of either side of the driveway to the building and must be visible from either direction of travel along the main roadway. Remote address signs shall be at least 6 inches wide and 18 inches long, with 3 inch high reflective numbers.

**Draft Stopping –** provided in all unfinished areas to prevent smoke & heated gases from extending above adjacent ceilings & concealed spaces.

**Smoke Alarms –** that all are present, interconnected and functional

**Carbon Monoxide Detectors/Alarms –** that all are present as required and functional

**Sprinkler Systems –** tested with an approved final inspection.

A separate permit is required for sprinkler systems. The inspections should be called in by the installer/applicant of the Sprinkler Fire Suppression Permit.

## **INSPECTION PROCEDURES**

To schedule your Life Safety Final. Call **301-600-3463**. Please have your Building Permit # ready when scheduling. Schedule promptly, allowing for the possibility of up to 3 working days for the inspection to take place.

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## **General Information Regarding Sprinklers**

### **SPRINKLER CONTRACTORS**

The State Of Maryland establishes licensing requirements for persons who inspect, test, perform maintenance, install, repair, modify, or lay out fire sprinkler systems in any residential or

commercial building in Maryland. Licensing is conducted through the Maryland State Fire Marshal's office. This license is required prior to making a Sprinkler Fire Suppression Permit application in Frederick County. A list of Licensed Sprinkler Contractors, can be found on the State Fire Marshals webpage. [www.firemarshal.state.md.us](http://www.firemarshal.state.md.us)

### **SPRINKLER (SUPPRESSION SYSTEMS) PERMITS**

Applications are accepted only from licensed installers for the sprinkler permit -AFTER the building permit is approved. The review of the plans & calculations are completed by the Office Of Life Safety, a department of Frederick County's Permits and Development Review. Information regarding fee schedules, applications & plan requirements can be found on our webpage.

### **SPRINKLER INSPECTIONS**

Typical residential inspections include insulation, visual leak test and a final. The final ensures that sprinkler heads provide proper coverage, trim rings in place & heads free of damage, paint or other foreign substance. Booster pumps and pressure/flow switches (if applicable) are tested at the final inspection. Request for inspections must be made by the installer of the sprinkler system. The inspections are conducted by the Office Of Life Safety Inspector's. **The Final Inspection must pass for the dwelling to receive the Use & Occupancy Certificate.**